



WHALOM POND

LUNENBURG & LEOMINSTER

AREA = 99 ACRES

NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

WHALOM POND (Lunenburg)

General Information:

This 99-acre lake is located three miles east of Fitchburg and three and a half miles north of Leominster. Mean depth is just less than 20 feet with a transparency of 17 feet. Aquatic vegetation is very scant over a muck and gravel bottom.

Access for boat fishing is located at the northeast corner of the lake where a paved ramp has been constructed. Adjacent to the ramp is a parking lot with a 30-car capacity. Shore fishing is popular off the road running parallel with the western shore. Whalom Lake's accessibility and proximity to such large urban centers as Leominster and Fitchburg results in heavy recreational use.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was last sampled in the summer of 1978. The lake was found to contain seven resident species at that time: yellow perch, largemouth bass, bluegill, pumpkinseeds, chain pickerel, yellow bullhead and killifish.

Fishing:

The natural productivity of Whalom Pond is supplemented each spring with several thousand trout, primarily rainbows in the 12 to 15 inch size range. When available, this pond also receives several hundred 12+ inch brown trout. The pond has also been stocked with brood salmon since 1996, and will continue to get stockings of these magnificent fish whenever they are available.

The low fertility of this lake is not conducive to a thriving warm water fish population. Large size bass are few and far between. The best angling is probably for trout, especially in the spring. Bluegills are large here, however, and will provide plenty of fun on light tackle. Ice-fishing for yellow perch should also be productive.

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